

JULY 23, 2001

The regular meeting of the Santa Rosa County Fire Safety Administrative Board of Adjustments and Appeals was held July 23, 2001, at 4:00 p. m. in the Conference Room of the Santa Rosa County Building Inspection Department located at 6051 Old Bagdad Highway Room 202, Milton, FL 32583. Board members in attendance were Chairman John Reble, Vice Chairman Paul Hazucha, Warren Morgan, Dusty Rhodes and Steve Rowell.

Director of Public Services, Mr. Bill Gilbert, was in the audience.

Building Inspection Department Staff in attendance were Martin Riley, Building Official; Rhonda Royals, Office Superintendent; Tim Tolbert, Fire Official/Chief Plans Examiner; Tambre Weiland, Fire Safety Inspector; and Esna Cluck, Permit Analyst.

Mr. John Reble, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

Agenda approval:

Royals asked the Board to add a variance request for a fire hydrant variance for Mr. Gordon Sprague. There were no objections. Rhodes made a motion to approve the agenda with the amendment. There was a second from Hazucha. Motion carried with 5 ayes.

Approval of minutes:

Rhodes made a motion to accept the minutes from the June 14, 2001, meeting with a second by Rowell. Motion carried with 5 ayes.

Next meeting:

The next scheduled meeting is to be held on August 15, 2001, at 4:00 p.m. Royals suggested that the board discuss setting a regular day and time for these meetings. Discussion ensued. Rowell made a motion to set regular meetings for the third Wednesday of every month at 4:00 p.m. There was a second by Rhodes. Motion carried with 5 ayes.

Old Business:

Variance Request:

Airport Mini Storage - Mr. Lonnie Joiner - owner

Reble reviewed the variance request issue. Reble stated that the issue is that they do not currently have a fire hydrant within 500 feet of the most remote point of the building and that East Milton Water System is planning to make substantial improvements to the area that would include installing fire hydrants. Reble read a letter from Ms. Jimmie Moore, President of East Milton Water Systems Inc., into the record.

Moore spoke to the board regarding the plans for a new hydrant in the area of the mini storage building and the time frame of the project.

Morgan made a motion to grant the variance contingent upon the installation of hydrant as stated in the letter from East Milton Water Systems Inc. There was a second by Rhodes.

Rhodes discussed the time frame issue. Moore said the water system hoped to be finished well before the allotted time frame. Rhodes discussed the existing fire hydrant being across the railroad tracks from the building. Moore discussed the other hydrants in the area. Discussion ensued. Reble asked for a vote. More discussion on the time frame ensued. Motion carried with 4 ayes. Hazucha abstained.

Verify recent changes to Fire Safety Ordinance:

Rhodes made a motion to approve the changes with a second by Rowell. There was discussion referencing the public hearing format. Motion carried with 5 ayes.

New Business:

Variance Request:

Sprague Tennis Courts - Mr. Gordon Sprague - owner

Reble read the correction list from the plan review into the record. Reble also read the letter from Gordon Sprague into the record. Tolbert gave a brief description of the building. Royals gave the permitted uses of the property relating to the county Land Development Code and stated that Planning and Zoning has issued an approval to the owner. Royals also said that the owners have submitted a letter stating the building and tennis courts are for private use.

Mr. John Klein, Sprague's architect, stated that Sprague owns a considerable amount of property on Westfield Avenue. Klein said there is an existing building owned by Sprague that the proposed building would be next to. Klein stated what is to be going into the building. Klein showed an aerial photograph of the area to the board. Klein discussed the location of the nearest fire hydrant. Weiland discussed the Westfield Avenue area relating to other buildings, hydrants, and proposed water lines. Discussion ensued.

Robert Carbonell, Captain Midway Fire Department, gave some history on Westfield Avenue. Carbonell said Midway Fire Department is comfortable with the plans of Midway Water to install a six-inch main and the needed hydrants on Westfield Avenue. Carbonell stated that Midway Water would be sending a letter to the county with a specific time frame for completing the improvements to Westfield Avenue. Reble read a letter to Sprague from Chief David Burnett with Midway Fire Department into the record. Reble read a letter to Martin Riley, the Building Official, from Midway Water System into the record. Discussion ensued. Reble read letter from Midway Fire Department to the Board into the record. More discussion ensued. Hazucha made a motion to grant the variance contingent on receiving a letter from Midway Water Department to the Fire Official stating the hydrant will be installed within one year. Rhodes gave a second with emphasis on contingent. Motion carried with 5 ayes.

Hazucha suggested that the letter from Midway Water System be presented to the Board at the next meeting.

Public Forum:

None.

At 5:02 p.m. Rhodes made a motion to adjourn with a second by Hazucha. Motion carried with 5 ayes.